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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SECURITY SUPPORTING ASSISTANCE TO ZAIRE:
ZERO BASED BUDGETING

1. AF/C HAS JUST FINISHED PARTICIPATION IN FIRST ROUND
OF INTERAGENCY ZBB MEETINGS, CHAIRED BY PM, ON
INTERNATIONAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE TO ZAIRE. WE ARE NOW
RE-GROUPING TO REDRAFT INITIAL SUBMISSIONS INCORPORATING
REQUESTS FOR CHANGES AND MORE DETAIL ON SPECIFIC LEVELS
AND MIXES OF FMS AND IMET PROGRAMS.

2. IN INTEREST OF KEEPING YOU ABREAST OF BUREAUCRATIC STATE
OF PLAY AND TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT WE HAVE YOUR LATEST
INFORMATION AND VIEWS CAPSULE SURVEY OF LEVELS CURRENTLY
BEING PROPOSED FOLLOWS:(WORKED OUT WITH SOMMER, DOD.)

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3. FY-79 FMS PROPOSAL FORESEES CURRENT LEVEL OF 28 MILLION
DOLS, INTERMEDIATE LEVEL OF 22 AND MINIMUM LEVEL OF
18 MILLION. ALTHOUGH MEANINGFUL BREAKDOWN OF THESE AMOUNTS
MUST AWAIT FRENCH /BELGIAN REORGANIZATION REPORT, WE PLAN
TO MEET IMMEDIATE PAPER REQUIREMENT WITH FOLLOWING
CATEGORIES: 18 MILLION DOLS TO COVER ONE C-130 (10 MILLION
DOLS); SUPPORT FOR CURRENT INVENTORY OF C-130S (3 MILLION

DOLS); 150 JEEPS PLUS SUPPORT AT 10,000 DOLS EACH
(1.5 MILLION DOLS); 200 TACTICAL RADIOS AT\$2500 DOLS EACH
(.5 MILLION DOLS); 120 CARGO TRUCKS AND TRAILERS AT
25,000 DOLS EACH (3 MILLION DOLS).

4. INTERMEDIATE PACKAGE CALLS FOR SOME INCREMENTS AS
MINIMUM PACKAGE WITH EXCEPTION OF FOLLOWING: SUPPORT FOR
CURRENT INVENTORY OF C-130S (4 MILLION DOLS);160 CARGO
TRUCKS AND TRAILERS (4 MILLION DOLS); INFRASTRUCTURE
(BUILDING MATERIALS FOR BARRACKS AND DEPOTS) (2 MILLION
DOLS).

5. CURRENT OR PROPOSED PACKAGE SAME AS INTERMEDIATE
PACKAGE WITH ADDITION OF ONE HELICOPTER FOR 6 MILLION
DOLS.

6. WHILE PROPOSED FY 79 FMS LEVELS SURVIVED FIRST ROUND
ESSENTIALLY INTACT, IT BECAME CLEAR IN COURSE OF MEETING
THAT WE WILL BE UNDER STRONG PRESSURE TO REDUCE
PROPOSED IMET LEVELS OF 2.5 MILLION DOLS (CURRENT-PROPOSED),
2.2 MILLION DOLS (INTERMEDIATE) AND 2.0 (MINIMUM). GIVEN
LIKELIHOOD OF CUTS, WE PLAN TO CONCENTRATE ON FOLLOWING
AREAS OF TRAINING UNLESS YOU FEEL OTHERWISE: MAINTENANCE;
LOGISTICS; ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT, AND ENGLISH
LANGUAGE WITH DE-EMPHASIS ON PILOT TRAINING COMMUNICATIONS
AND ELECTRONICS AND OTHER FIELDS.
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7. ANY COMMENTS OR SUGGESTED CHANGES SHOULD BE RECEIVED
BY COB WEDNESDAY IF THEY ARE TO BE TAKEN INTO
CONSIDERATION AT NEXT MEETING. VANCE

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